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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on January 22, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 22, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a method for inducing an immune response in an animal with a composition comprising a polynucleotide that is at least 90% identical to the polynucleotide set forth in SEQ ID NO:347 (referred to as the lung tumor antigen, L523S), for examination at this time.

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.